

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutically acceptable composition ~~Pharmaceutical compositions~~ for intraperitoneal administration wherein said composition comprises containing keto-acids and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts in amounts effective to act as a dietary supplement for patients with renal failure or weakness.
2. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 1 containing keto-acids selected from the group consisting of keto-isoleucine, keto-leucine, keto-phenyl alanine, keto-valine, keto-hydroxy-methionine and mixtures thereof.
3. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~Compositions according to claim 1 or claim 2~~ containing a keto-acid selected from the following group, in the quantities an amount within the indicated concentration range:  
keto-isoleucine 0.1-1.9 g;  
keto-leucine 0.1-2.2 g;  
keto-valine 0.30-2.10 g;  
keto-hydroxy-methionine 0.1-1.5 g;  
and their mixtures for 100 g of final formulation.
4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~Compositions according to any preceding claims,~~ containing keto-acids in association with aminoacids.

5. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 4, containing an aminoacid selected from the following group, in an amount within the ~~quantities~~ indicated concentration range:

L-phenyl-alanine 0.10-1.90 g;

L-lysine 0.5-2.5 g;

L-threonine 0.2-2.0 g;

L-histidine 0.1-1.0 g;

L-tyrosine 0.01-0.2 g;

and their mixtures to 100 g of final formulation.

6. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 4, containing aminoacids selected from the following group, in an amount within the ~~quantities~~ indicated concentration range:

L-phenyl-alanine 0.1-1.5 g

L-lysine 0.5-2.5 g

L-threonine 0.2-2.0 g

L-histidine 0.1-1.5 g

L-tyrosine 0.01-1.0 g

L-serine 0.05-1.5 g

L-tryptophan 0.05-1.0 g

L-alanine 0.05-2.5 g

L-arginine 0.3-2.5 g

Glycine 0.03-1.5 g

L-proline 0.1-1.5 g

and their mixtures to 1000 ml of final formulation.

7. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 6 containing the following compounds, in an amount within the quantities indicated concentration range:

Na lactate 2.0-8.0 g

NaCl 2.0-10 g

MgCl<sub>2</sub> 0.01-1 g

HCl q.s. to pH 6.5-7.0

H<sub>2</sub>O q.s. 1000 ml

8. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~Compositions according to any of claims 1 to 7~~ containing keto-acids, aminoacids and vitamins.

9. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 8 containing water-soluble vitamins of group B.

10. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to claim 9, containing vitamins selected from the group which consists consisting of vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, nicotinamide, D-panthothenol and mixtures thereof.

11. (Amended) A composition ~~Compositions~~ according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, containing salts with cations of said keto-acids, optionally with added inorganic and organic salts.

12. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~Compositions according to any of claims 1 to 11~~, dissolved in strictly an aqueous solutions solution suitable for parenteral administration.

13. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~Compositions according to any of claims 1 to 12~~ in packaging containing multi-dose, mono-dose, daily mono-dose ready for use or alternatively to be dissolved ready for use.

14. (Amended) A method for providing a patient with renal failure or weakness with an amino acid dietary supplement, said method comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount

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~~of a composition according to claim 1 by intraperitoneal administration. The use of a composition according to any of claims 1 to 13 for the preparation of a pharmaceutical for intraperitoneal administration as a dietary supplement in the treatment of patients with renal failure or weakness.~~